

# **Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!**

**Pastor John Knoester**

**October 15, 2017**

## **10:30 A.M. Worship Service**

\* Please rise.

***“The church’s one foundation,  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;”***

Prelude: Jill Klunder

Welcome and Announcements

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 87:1-3

<sup>1</sup> He has set his foundation on the holy mountain;

<sup>2</sup> the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

<sup>3</sup> Glorious things are said of you, O city of God: Selah

\* Opening Hymn: LUYH #286:1,2,4 ***“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”***

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God.

He, whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation’s walls surrounded,  
thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

2. Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which God gives them on their way.

4. Savior, since of Zion’s city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in your name.  
Fading are the world’s best pleasures,  
all its boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasures  
none but Zion’s children know.

PSALM 87; Words: John Newton, 1779, alt., P.D.; Music: Franz Joseph Haydn  
(1732-1809), 1797, P.D.; CCLI #678905

\* God’s Greeting / We Greet Each Other

\* Opening Songs of Praise:

Read Ephesians 1:17-19

- <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom  
and revelation, so that you may know him better.
- <sup>18</sup> I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened  
in order that you may know the hope to which he has called  
you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,  
<sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe.  
That power is like the working of his mighty strength,

***“Open the Eyes of My Heart”*** LUYH #537

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;  
open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you, I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;  
open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you, I want to see you.  
To see you high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love,  
as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

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***“O Lord, You're Beautiful”***

1. O Lord, You're beautiful,  
Your face is all I seek.  
For when Your eyes are on this child  
Your grace abounds to me.
2. O Lord, please light the fire  
That once burned bright and clear.  
Replace the lamp of my first love  
That burns with holy fear.
3. O Lord, You're beautiful,  
Your face is all I seek.  
For when Your eyes are on this child  
Your grace abounds to me.

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*At the conclusion of this song the Sunday School students  
are invited forward to sing their ministry of music.*

Ministry of Music: **"Fly"** Sunday School Students

*At the conclusion of this song children ages 3-1<sup>st</sup> grade  
are dismissed to Koinonia Room for Children and Worship.*

***"She is his new creation by water and the Word."***

Offering: General Fund

Second AM Offering: The Benevolent Fund

\* Song of Preparation: LUYH #427:1-2, 4-5 ***"How Firm a Foundation"***

1. How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
5. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

Words: Isaiah 43:1-5; J. Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt., P.D.;

Music: J. Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832; harm. Dale Grotenhuis (1931-2012),  
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***"From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;"***

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 (pg. 1156) Read by Carson Blom

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Living in Awe and Wonder"***

Time of Prayer

***"With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died."***

\* Song of Application: LUYH #251:1,2,4 ***"The Church's One Foundation"***

1. The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation:  
one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.
  
4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore,  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

\* We Confess our Faith: Belgic Confession Article 27 Stanzas 1-3,5 (GH pg. 845-846)

**We believe and confess  
one single catholic or universal church—  
a holy congregation and gathering  
of true Christian believers,  
awaiting their entire salvation in Jesus Christ,  
being washed by his blood,  
and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit.**

This church has existed from the beginning of the world  
and will last until the end,  
as appears from the fact  
that Christ is eternal King  
who cannot be without subjects.

**And this holy church is preserved by God  
against the rage of the whole world,  
even though for a time  
it may appear very small  
In the eyes of men—  
as though it were snuffed out.**

And so this holy church  
is not confined, bound,  
or limited to a certain place or certain people.  
But it is spread and dispersed  
throughout the entire world,  
though still joined and united  
in heart and will,  
in one and the same Spirit,  
by the power of faith.

\* Sung Response: LUYH #251:5 ***“The Church’s One Foundation”***

5. Yet she on earth has union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
may live eternally.

Words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866, P.D.; Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864, P.D. CCLI #67895

*During the singing of this hymn the children will be returning from  
Children and Worship and the Elders are invited forward.*

## **We Celebrate Communion Together**

### **Declaration of God’s Invitation and Promises**

#### **Words of Institution: (Based on Luke 13:29, 24:30-31)**

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
People will come from east and west, from north and south,  
and sit at the kingdom of God. When our risen Lord was at the  
table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and  
broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and  
they recognized him. This is the Lord’s table. Our Savior invites  
those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

#### **Summary of Scriptural Teaching: (Based on HC Q&A 79)**

Pastor: Christ calls the bread his body and the cup his blood, or the new covenant in his blood.

**People: Christ has good reasons for these words. He wants to teach us that as bread and wine nourish our temporal life, so too his crucified body and poured-out blood truly nourish our souls for eternal life.**

Pastor: But more important, he wants to assure us, by this visible sign and pledge, that we, through the Holy Spirit’s work, share in his true body and blood as surely as our mouths receive these holy signs in his remembrance,

**People: and that all of his suffering and obedience are as definitely ours as if we personally had suffered and paid for our sins.**

#### **Invitation:**

Come to this table: you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here. ... The Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him, are now invited with gladness to the table of the Lord!

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Opening:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

### Thanksgiving for the Work of the Triune God:

Pastor: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us – even when we fell into sin. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**People: Dying, you destroyed our death; rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory!**

Pastor: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all you saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

**People: Though Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Preparing the Bread and the Cup:

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord until he comes. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." ...

The gifts of God for the people of God!

## Communion

**Distribution:** *(As the elements are being served)*

***“Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord”*** LUYH #844:1-5

1. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord,  
lift up your hearts unto the Lord.  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;  
lift up your hearts unto the Lord!
2. In Christ the world has been redeemed,  
in Christ the world has been redeemed.  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;  
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
3. His resurrection sets us free,  
his resurrection sets us free.  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;  
his resurrection sets us free.
4. Therefore we celebrate the feast,  
therefore we celebrate the feast.  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;  
therefore we celebrate the feast.
5. Sing alleluia to the Lord,  
Sing alleluia to the Lord.  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;  
Sing alleluia to the Lord.

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Music: Linda Stassen, 1974; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986, © 1974, 1986 Linda Stassen; CCLI #678905

***“Remembering with Love and Hope”*** LUYH #809:1-5

1. Remembering with love and hope,  
we celebrate the feast.  
Christ bids us come and dine with him,  
our Host and great High Priest.
2. God’s Word made known in flesh and blood,  
a covenant of grace—  
in manger, cross, and empty tomb,  
we see God’s loving face.
3. Through all our lives, Lord, you are near—  
and to the end of time.  
In bread and cup yourself you give;  
our life in yours we find.
4. We break the bread and bless the cup;  
your Spirit is outpoured.  
Made one in you, we feast in love  
until you come, O Lord.
5. We trust this pledge of your strong love  
and pray your kingdom come,  
when face to face we’ll feast with you  
in our eternal home.

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***"I Love Your Church, O Lord"*** LUYH #247:1-3

1. I love your church, O Lord!  
Her saints before you stand,  
dear as the apple of your eye  
and graven on your hand.
2. Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
her hymns of love and praise.
3. I love your church, O God,  
the people you have called,  
the church our blest Redeemer saved  
with his own precious blood.

Words: Timothy Dwight, 1800, alt., P.D.;

Music: Aaron Williams, 1770, P.D. CCLI #678905

***"Behold the Lamb"*** LUYH #840:1

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
slain for us- and we remember  
the promise made that all who come in faith  
find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace  
around the table of the King.

**Sharing of the Bread:**

Take, eat, remember and believe that the body of our Lord  
Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all  
our sins.

***"Behold the Lamb"*** LUYH #840:2

2. The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
torn for you- eat and remember  
the wounds that heal; the death that brings us life  
paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love  
around the table of the King.

Take, drink, remember and believe the precious blood of our  
Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

***"Behold the Lamb"*** LUYH #840:3

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
shed for you- drink and remember  
He drained death's cup, that all may enter in  
to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace  
around the table of the King.



## Response of Praise and Prayer

Worthy is the lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and praise!

### \* **"Behold the Lamb"** LUYH #840:4

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
to respond - and to remember  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
as His body here on earth.

And as we share in His suffering,  
we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
around the table of the King.

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### \* Benediction

### \* Parting Praise: GH #195 **"Our God Reigns"**

How lovely on the mountains are the feet  
of Him who brings good news, good news.  
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness,  
our God reigns, our God reigns.  
Our God reigns, our God reigns,  
our God reigns, our God reigns!

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### \* Postlude

**Welcome to everyone!** We are so glad you chose to worship with us this Lord's Day. Today, we are having Holy Communion. Please reflect in reverence as we symbolize the body of Christ and His redemption for us. *The Lord's Supper is a table of grace. All those who have received the grace of Christ and confess Him as Lord and Savior of their life are warmly invited to participate. Yet, know too that there is also 'grace' from this community of faith for those who do not yet confess Christ as Lord. And if that's the case then we encourage you not to partake until you have the genuine desire to receive God's grace and are ready to proclaim Christ as your Lord.* After joining us in worship, please join us in the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

We are grateful to report that 206 persons walked the 3.4 mile Skagit **Crop Hunger Walk** on October 1. Together we raised over \$9,000.00 of which 25% will go to support local food banks and 75% will go to combat hunger in other situations. Thank you to all who walked, formed teams, donated and helped out! See you next year on Sept 30th!

The Crop Hunger Walk Committee of Skagit County

### **OUR CHURCH EVENTS**

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*What is the Church? What is its purpose? Why does it exist? How is it supposed to function?* These and many more are just a few of the questions Paul addresses in his letter to the church in Ephesus. In fact, we can almost call the book of Ephesians 'a miniature doctrine of the Church!'

Like every other book of the Bible – Paul's letter is not just for the recipients of his letter 2000 years ago, but also for us here today. The same struggles and issues the church in Ephesus faced are still prevalent in our world today. The

following is a tentative schedule of our series for the weeks ahead. As always, you are encouraged to read and study the text beforehand.

May God continue to bless and build His Church!

In Christ,  
Pastor John

- September 24: Spiritual Blessings in Christ – Ephesians 1:1-8
- October 1: Safe in God’s Plan – Ephesians 1:8-11
- October 8: God’s Possession - Ephesians 1:11-16
- October 15:(Communion) Living In Awe and Wonder – Ephesians 1:15-23
- October 22: Alive With Christ – Ephesians 2:1-10
- November 5: Breaking the Dividing Wall – Ephesians 2:11-18
- November 12: Unity in Christ – Ephesians 2:19-22
- November 19: A Foretaste of What is to Come – Ephesians 3:1-13
- November 26: Rooted and Established in Love – Ephesians 3:14-21

**FAMILY VISITING:** The following is the family visiting schedule for **October—December 2017**. If your family is included in the list, please expect a call from the listed Elder to arrange the day and time for the visit. If you have questions about the schedule please call the listed Elder or call Henry Hammingh at 360-424-3019.

<b>OCTOBER — DECEMBER 2017 FAMILY VISITS</b>	
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Family</b>
Dave V	Minne & Trudy Van der Hoek
Dave V	Marinus & Jill Rouw
Greg A	Jeff & Monica Droog
Greg A	Grace Faber
Greg B	Hilsinger, Nick & Kristi
Greg B	Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp
Henry H	Greg & Beth Boon
Henry H	Mardick & Jill Stevens
Darrel L	Randy & Juli Oostra
Darrel L	Henry & Sharon Kuipers
Pastor John	Jill Haagsma
Pastor John	Larry & Maxine Greidanus
Dennis D	Steve & Katie Jungquist
Dennis D	Chris Van Sweden

**Youth Group** will meet this evening at 7:45 p.m. for all high schoolers. They meet in the Youth Group room in the Education Wing.

**Choir** will meet for rehearsal after the morning service.

The **Fellowship Committee** will meet on Monday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Men’s Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari’s Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Revelation. You are welcome to join us.

**Golden Hour** will meet on Wednesday, October 18 at 1:30 p.m. We meet in the Koinonia Room and will study Micah 3-4:5.

**GEMS** will meet on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. Girls in grades 2-8th are invited to attend.

Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall if you are willing to bring **2-3 dozen cookies or bars** for the coffee time after the evening service on October 29 after the evening Reformation Day Service.

The November 2017 issue of **Today's Christian Living** is available for you to pick up on the walkway shelf.

### **ADVANCED NOTICES**

The **Elders** will meet on Monday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. They will **not** meet on October 30 as previously planned.

**Cadets** will meet Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. Boys in grades 3-8 are invited to come.

The **Young at Heart** will meet on Thursday, October 26 at 12:30 p.m. at I-Hops in Mount Vernon for their monthly lunch.

Do you think you have the best pumpkin carving skills or the best chili or do you just want a fun evening of social time? On **October 27** the First CRC youth group will be hosting a **Family Harvest Fun Night**. Activities will include a pumpkin carving contest and games for the kids. There will also be a time of voting who has the best chili. So bring a pot of chili with you. Please plan on showing your support for our mission trip by being part of all the fun. A free will donation will be taken to assist the youth group in raising money to go on a mission trip this coming summer. Please bring your own pumpkins. We will also have some available for purchase if needed. There is also a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall so that we can have an estimate of how many people are coming. Bring your family and friends of all ages to enjoy a night of community with your church family!

Come and bring your family and friends to the **Reformation Day Service** at the First CRC of Mount Vernon on October 29 at 6:30 p.m. Reverend Ken Koeman, former pastor of Sonlight Community CRC in Lynden, Washington will proclaim the message. Geoff & Ashley Van Dragt, pastors at the University of Washington, will also be sharing with us about their ministry. We will be taking an offering to support them in their work. The evening will be a time of praise and celebration. Mark it on your calendar to come and join us in worship.

### **ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT**

**Through Christ Alone:** Our salvation comes in and through Jesus Christ, the only mediator we have to reconcile us with God. Join Groundwork as we explore 1 Timothy 2:1-7 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 to explore the source of this Reformation teaching and recognize how our own thoughts and behaviors threaten to undermine it even today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Carats in the Cupcake:** Listen to the new episodes this month! What did Liz do now? Granny's valuable family ring is lost among 500 chocolate cupcakes. Can Lucille and Liz find it before someone else accidentally bites into it? What will Granny do when she finds out? Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Free Giveaway: Kids Corner's "Know Your Bible Activity Book, Part 1!" Have fun as you learn about God's big story!

**Think Christian's Pop Culture Primer:** Pop culture is the common language of our time. How do the media we watch, listen to, and play echo the gospel and our need of it? In the "Pop Culture Primer," Think Christian explores movies, television, music, video games, and more from the perspective of God's truth. Subscribe to Think Christian today and it's yours free! Visit [thinkchristian.net/popculture](http://thinkchristian.net/popculture).

**Speak Up for Us:** Claire Culwell, speaker and abortion survivor will be at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. This is a fundraising event for Pregnancy Choices. Info: 360-428-4777, [www.pregnancyChoices.org](http://www.pregnancyChoices.org).

Mount Vernon Christian School is hosting its annual HARVEST DINNER on November 3rd from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. (**senior citizen early bird meal starts at 4:30 p.m.**) in the school's gym, 820 West Blackburn Road in Mount Vernon. Come enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and support the school! Ticket cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade). Tickets may be purchased at the door. Questions? Please call the Mount Vernon Christian School office at 360-424-9157 or drop by MVCS at 820 West Blackburn Road in Mount Vernon.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Liberty Quartet** will be giving a concert at Bethany Covenant Church at 1318 So. 18th Street in Mount Vernon on October 20 at 7:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken. [www.libertyquartet.com](http://www.libertyquartet.com)

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	7:00 pm	Evening Service
	7:45 pm	Youth Group
MON	7:00 pm	Evangelism Committee Meeting
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study at Shari's
	1:30 pm	Golden Hour
	6:30 pm	GEMS

### **NURSERY**

#### **Today: Infants & Toddlers**

Brooke Knoester, Trevor Blom, Josie Droog

#### **Next Week: Infants & Toddlers**

Heather Van Hofwegen, Devin Van Zanten, Rayahna Oostra

### **GREETERS**

**Today - Rovers:** Elders Dave Visser & Greg Ackermann

**AM:** Clarence & Eleanor Klunder, Jeannette Folkertsma, Jill Klunder

**Next Week - Rovers:** Dennis & Melba De Kok

**AM:** Katie Jungquist, Martha Haarsma

### **USHERS**

**Today:** Kermit Houck, Henry Van Zanten, Jr., Wiebe Van der Hoek

**Next Week:** Tim Van Hofwegen, Tim Hibma, Henry Hammingh

### **SOUND SYSTEM**

**Today:** Kendall Van Zanten

**Next Week:** Henry Van Zanten, Jr.

### **PROJECTION**

**Today AM:** Devin Van Zanten

**Next Week:** Kendall Van Zanten

### **VIDEO TAPING**

**Today:** Tim Hibma

**Next Week:** DJ Droog

### **CHILDREN & WORSHIP**

#### **Today:**

Teacher: Julie Houck

Assistants: Julie Speck, Carson Blom

#### **Next Week:**

Teacher: Julie Houck

Assistants: Briana Vander Kooy, Emma Droog

### **LIBRARY:**

**Today:** Jean Rasmussen

**Next Week:** Michele De Kok

## COFFEE HOSTS

**Today:** Betty Postma, Keith & Jean Rasmussen, Marinus & Jill Rouw

**Next Week:** Sally Reehoorn, Minne & Trudy Van der Hoek, Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

## VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

**Today:** Betty Postma, Jill Haagsma

**Next Week:** Marjean De Groot, Alice De Vries

## TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM

**Next Week:** Larry & Maxine Greidanus

## MINISTRY OF PRAISE

**Next Week:** Katie Jungquist

Accompanist: Shirley Boonstra

## OFFERING: October 22, 2017

**AM:** General Fund

**PM:** New Earth Recovery for Men "The Trust"

## 6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Jill Klunder

Welcome / Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Henry Hammingh

**"Rejoice the Lord Is King"** LUYH #224:1,2,4

**"The Church's One Foundation"** LUYH #251:1,3,5

**"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"** LUYH #257:1,2,4,6

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 36-37 Q&A 99-102

Lord's Day 36

Q. 99 What is God's will for us in the third commandment?

**A. That we neither blaspheme nor misuse the name of God by cursing,<sup>1</sup> perjury,<sup>2</sup> or unnecessary oaths,<sup>3</sup> nor share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders.<sup>4</sup>**

**In a word, it requires that we use the holy name of God only with reverence and awe,<sup>5</sup> so that we may properly confess God,<sup>6</sup> pray to him,<sup>7</sup> and praise him in everything we do and say.**

<sup>1</sup> Lev. 24:10-17; <sup>2</sup> Lev. 19:12; <sup>3</sup> Matt. 5:37; James 5:12; <sup>4</sup> Lev. 5:1; Prov. 29:24;

<sup>5</sup> Ps. 99:1-5; Jer. 4:2; <sup>6</sup> Matt. 10:32-33; Rom. 10:9-10; <sup>7</sup> Ps. 50:14-15; 1 Tim. 2:8; <sup>8</sup> Col. 3:17

Q. 100 Is blasphemy of God's name by swearing and cursing really such serious sin that God is angry also with those who do not do all they can to help prevent and forbid it?

**A. Yes, indeed.<sup>1</sup> No sin is greater, no sin makes God more angry than blaspheming his name. That is why he commanded the death penalty for it.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Lev. 5:1; <sup>2</sup> Lev. 24:10-17

Lord's Day 37

Q. 101 But may we swear an oath in God's name if we do it reverently?

**A. Yes, when the government demands it, or when necessity requires it, in order to maintain and promote truth and trustworthiness for God's glory and our neighbor's good.**

**Such oaths are approved in God's Word<sup>1</sup> and were rightly used by Old and New Testament believers.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Deut. 6:13; 10:20; Jer. 4:1-2; Heb. 6:16; <sup>2</sup> Gen. 21:24; Josh. 9:15; 1 Kings 1:29-30; Rom. 1:9; 2 Cor. 1:23

Q. 102 May we swear by saints or other creatures?

**A. No. A legitimate oath means calling upon God as the one who knows my heart to witness to my truthfulness and to punish me if I swear falsely.<sup>1</sup> No creature is worthy of such honor.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Rom. 9:1; 2 Cor. 1:23

<sup>2</sup> Matt. 5:34-37; 23:16-22; James 5:12

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:7 and Romans 10:9-13

Message: ***"Our Use of God's Name"***

Time of Prayer

Offering: New Earth Recovery (The Trust for Men)

Song of Application: LUYH #540:1-4 ***"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"***

\* God's Blessing

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #965 ***"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"***



People to be remembered with prayers, cards, letters & words of encouragement. Call the church office at (336-2405) or e-mail: [secretary@firstcrcmv.com](mailto:secretary@firstcrcmv.com) by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

**NEW CONCERN:**

**Adrianna Swanson** had a fall last Sunday in her room and spent some time in the hospital this week. Pray for a complete recovery for Adrianna.

**CONTINUING CONCERNS:**

**Hans Meischke** will meet with the doctor on October 17 to determine when surgery will be for his colon cancer. Pray for Hans and Aileen at this time.

Recently **Annette LeClair** had some more tests done. The results were such that a new treatment plan is now needed. Please continue to keep Annette and her entire family in your prayers.

**OTHER CONCERNS:**

**Joni Beezhold's** sister, Debbie, was put on dialysis last weekend. Pray for the family at this time and the doctors as they treat her.

**Emily Curry**, grand-daughter of Hank & Sylvia, had a port put in this week Tuesday and will begin her second round of chemo on Monday, October 16. A recent scan showed that the mass in her chest is beginning to shrink. We give God praise for that.

**Pray** for all the families that are affected from the fires that have taken place in California. Many have lost their homes and belongings. Pray that their needs will be provided. Pray for those involved in fighting the fires and that it will be under control soon.

**PRAISES:**

Congratulations to **Joe & Annette LeClair** who were blessed with twin grand-daughters, Krista Annette LeClair and Jennifer Leann, last weekend. **Michael & Heather LeClair** are the proud parents. Pray that the twins will gain weight and theirs will mature enough that they will be able to go home soon.

Congratulations to the **Dave Visser** family. Daughter Daeleen is engaged to be married and son Daryl and wife Jillian are in the process of adopting 2 young brothers (ages 2 & 3), Brenden and Braxton.

**SHUT INS:**

**Nell Annema** at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley, **Marge Eskes** at home in Mount Vernon, **Grace Faber** at home in Mount Vernon; **Mary Koopmans** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington; **Wilma Paul** at Mountain Glen Retirement Center in Mount Vernon; **Adrianna Swanson** at Creekside in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at home in Clear Lake; **Duane Van Dyke** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington; **Chris Van Sweden** at Country Meadows in Sedro-Woolley, and **Rena Wester** at the Lynden Manor.

**Chaplaincy and Care: Chaplains serving military veterans** - Chaplains who work with veterans are increasingly busy, as large numbers of men and women return from war fronts with physical injuries or less obvious cognitive (PTSD) and emotional ("moral injury") damage. Pray for these chaplains and ask that others may be drawn into this important ministry. Also pray that our local churches can grow in finding ways to love and support veterans.

**Resonate Global Mission: Nigeria** - For most of October, Rev. Gerald Vander Hoek is volunteering at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria (TCNN). Pray that his work there may instill new skills and understanding in his students, who come to TCNN from various countries and denominational backgrounds.

**Disability Concerns: Suicide** - This month we are encouraging churches to pray for and consider the best ways to minister with people contemplating or surviving suicide. Some people are filled with despair, torment, and hopelessness and may attempt suicide. Pray that people affected by suicidal thoughts and actions will know that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ (Rom. 8:38-39).

**World Renew: Uganda** - Communities in eastern and southern Africa face the threat of famine from an infestation of fall armyworms, which feed on maize, soybeans, sorghum, cowpeas, and more. Over half of the area's crops have perished. Ask God to provide these communities with food and resources.